

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims are 1-3 and 7-18 with claims 7-18 being withdrawn.

The above amendment incorporates features of claim 5 in claim 1. Thus, the above amendment raises no new issues and, accordingly, entry is respectfully requested.

The significance of this amendment will become apparent from the remarks below.

The present claims have been rejected (i) on the non-statutory double patenting over co-pending Application No. 10/669,701 (Koyama et al.) in view of Kobunshi Ronbunshu (Tanaka et al.) and European Patent No. 447,440, and (ii) under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over U.S. 6,562,934 (Yonehama et al.) in view of Tanaka et al. and EP 447,440.

However, since the present claims have been amended so that the polyamino compound contains less than 2% by weight of unreacted aliphatic diamine represented by the formula (1), the present claims are not obvious over Koyama et al. and Yonehama et al. in view of Tanaka et al. and EP 447,440.

Neither Koyama et al. nor Yonehama et al. disclose or suggest the polyamino compound obtained by addition reaction of aliphatic diamine represented by the formula (1) and styrene, which contains less than 2% by weight of unreacted aliphatic diamine represented by the formula (1).

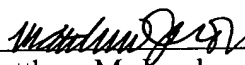
Therefore, an art skilled person would never arrive at the present claims from Koyama et al. and Yonehama et al. in view Tanaka et al. and EP 447,440.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

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